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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK, NTV, and TBS gave top play to reports that the Japan Meteorological Agency announced that the rainy season began in the Kinki, Tokai, Kanto, and Koshin regions today. Fuji TV and TV Asahi led with reports that the White House announced that the U.S.-DPRK summit will be held at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa Island in Singapore.

## INTERNATIONAL

- [Senior Mainichi reporters preview U.S.-DPRK summit](#) (Mainichi)
- [South Korean PM says installation of forced laborer statue “illegal”](#) (Nikkei)
- [Editorial: Swift denuclearization must be non-negotiable in U.S.-DPRK summit](#) (Mainichi)
- [Expert says Japan needs to adapt to changes in Korean Peninsula situation](#) (Asahi)

## ECONOMY

- [Ito En eyeing tea bag plant in U.S.](#) (Jiji Press)
- [Abe vows to bring in more foreign workers](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Main points of draft “big-boned policy”](#) (Mainichi)
- [New council to be launched to promote technical innovation](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Japan’s Financial Services Agency to bar virtual currency trader](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

## POLITICS

- [Prime minister’s schedule on June 5, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Abe dines with senior officials of LDP’s Takeshita faction](#) (Nikkei)
- [Cartoon: Abe keeps Aso in the game](#) (Asahi)

## SCIENCE



## **New cancer treatments hold out false hopes**

NHK's "Close-up Gendai+" reported on an increasing number of problems related to "state-of-the-art" cancer treatments. The program said some clinics use medical terms such as "dendritic cells," "gene therapy," and "NK cells" on their websites, giving desperate patients the impression that their cancer can be cured. However, the effectiveness and safety of many of these treatments have yet to be confirmed, and some are not covered by health insurance. The program introduced a support system in Hawaii where "cancer navigators" support patients by answering questions, easing concerns, and providing information.

### **SOCIETY**

- [Justice Ministry to set up new center to manage information on foreign residents](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Regulators mull inspections of regional banks' moneylaundering steps](#) (Kyodo News)

### **SECURITY**

#### **The power of the F-35A fighter**

NTV carried a report on Monday on the U.S. military's F-35A fighter, saying that 12 of the aircraft arrived in Japan last fall for a six-month training session that ended in May. The network was allowed to enter Kadena AB to report on the aircraft. A pilot was quoted as saying that the aircraft is "revolutionary" and can be compared to "going from flip-phones to smartphones." The network said the F-35A has stealth capabilities, sensor cameras, and data fusion technology, making it easy for pilots to check information instantly and make quick decisions. Noting that the first overseas deployment of F-35A fighters was in Japan, the network quoted Brig. Gen. Cunningham, the Commander of the 18th Wing, Kadena AB, as saying: "Okinawa is in a strategically important location. Bringing the latest technology of the fifth generation fighters to Japan is essential for the U.S.-Japan alliance and regional security." He added: "It was significant that we were able to work closely with the Self-Defense Forces and conduct joint training." The network said Japan has already deployed seven F-35A fighters and is planning to procure a total of 42 fighters, adding that part of the F-35A training was held jointly with the ASDF. The network said the security situation in the vicinity of Japan, including China's military buildup, is becoming increasingly severe, quoting Brig. Gen. Cunningham as also saying: "Joint training between the U.S. military and the SDF will increase and the alliance will be enhanced."

- [Gov't informs Nago of plan to integrate subsidies](#) (Nikkei)
- [3,000-strong rally in Tokyo protests deployment of Ospreys to Yokota Air Base](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)

### **OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS**

**GOJ sources say U.S. and Japan agree to share cost of compensation to family of Okinawa murder victim**



Okinawa Times wrote that it learned from several GOJ sources on Tuesday that the governments of the United States and Japan have apparently reached an agreement to share the cost of the compensation to be paid to the family of a woman who was murdered by a civilian U.S. base worker in Uruma, Okinawa, in April 2016. The paper wrote that the GOJ is planning to announce the agreement in the future. The paper noted that the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) stipulates that victims can claim compensation from the U.S. government for unlawful acts by off-duty U.S. military personnel and employees if the perpetrators are incapable of paying.

The paper wrote that the U.S. side had expressed reservations about paying the compensation based on the argument that Kenneth Franklin Shinzato, the perpetrator of the crime, is not covered by the compensation system of the SOFA because he was not directly hired by the U.S. military. According to the GOJ sources, the U.S. side eventually decided to pay the compensation following discussions with the Japanese side. The paper wrote that the Japanese side is probably planning to pay its share of the compensation based on an agreement reached at the Japan-U.S. Special Action Committee on Okinawa (SACO), under which the Japanese government pays the difference between the amount of damages determined by a court and the figure presented by the U.S. side. The paper noted that the grounds for the U.S. side's payment of a share of the damages are not clear.

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